

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Julian called the regular meeting of the Kasson Township Board to order at 7:00 pm, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Greg Julian – Supervisor, Dana Boomer - Clerk, Roger Noonan – Trustee
Member(s) Absent: Julia Carter – Treasurer, Tad Carter – Trustee
Staff Present: Tim Cypher

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA – The board briefly discussed the agenda. **Noonan moved to approve the agenda as presented. Boomer seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES – The board discussed the minutes from the regular meeting open session on September 14. **Noonan moved, Boomer seconded to approve the September 14, 2021 regular meeting open session minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.**

The board discussed the minutes from the regular meeting closed session on September 14. **Julian moved to go into closed session to discuss the minutes of the September 14 closed session. Noonan seconded. Roll call vote: Noonan (yes), Julian (yes), Boomer (yes).** The board entered closed session at 7:15 pm. The board re-entered open session at 7:32 pm. **Noonan moved, Boomer seconded to approve the September 14, 2021 regular meeting closed session minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.**

The board discussed the minutes from the special meeting on September 20. **Noonan moved, Boomer seconded to approve the September 20, 2021 special meeting minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.**

PERTINENT COMMUNICATIONS: None

PRESENTATION: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

a) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** J. Carter had previously submitted the treasurer's report to the board. Receipts total \$671,685.79. Disbursements \$650,352.84. Balance \$401,501.33.

b) **BUDGET REPORT:** Due to internet issues at the hall, no budget report was presented for the month.

c) **BILL APPROVAL** – Boomer presented the updated check detail, including the late submission of a \$45 bill from Sleeping Bear Computer Care. The board briefly discussed. **Noonan moved to pay the bills as presented; seconded by Julian. All in favor, motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Cemeteries** – Boomer had distributed a written memorandum from Tim Figura regarding options for responding to a challenge of the southern property boundary at the East Kasson Cemetery by the neighbor to the south. The board discussed. Julian was met with questions regarding the survey and the legality of the property boundary from the property owner. Noonan volunteered to speak to the property owner further and report back. Julian spoke with the company that quoted for stump removal at the Kasson Township Cemetery; they cannot guarantee the price for next year – the labor will remain the same but supplies may increase. The board will plan to budget for this next fiscal year.
- b. **Federal American Rescue Plan Act** – Boomer submitted the updated ARPA filing. The application is now in the process of being re-reviewed.
- c. **Mining/Gravel Legislation** – Julian presented an update on the legislation – it is still in House committee.
- d. **Other Unfinished Business** - None

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **Other New Business** - None

CAPITAL PROJECTS – EXPLORATION

- a. **Maple City Sidewalks** – No changes. The board briefly discussed; contact with the Road Commission has been minimal this year. Tim Cypher suggested that the township should have a sidewalks ordinance – Boomer will check to see if the township already has one or whether one would have to be created from scratch. Dave Noonan stated that he thinks the township does have one after issues about 20 years ago.
- b. **Broadband** – Natalie Wilson stated that the county released the results from the broadband study. She distributed the Kasson Township map from the study and summarized the results. The board and Wilson briefly discussed.
- c. **Township Hall Renovation** – Julian has requested that a representative from Cooley attend the meeting next month to discuss options.
- d. **Fire Department Water Points** – Boomer is continuing to work on this project and get additional quotes and information.
- e. **Fire Department New Station** – Julian is continuing to work on issues related to this. The board extensively discussed the planning and timeline for a new station.

REPORTS: Planning Commission (PC) – Cypher reported that the September meeting was held. There will be no meeting in October. A contract was recommended to be signed with LIAA for final wordsmithing on the Master Plan. The PC would like to make sure all gravel pits have appropriate signage to allow efficient emergency response. The Lively project has withdrawn further applications for special uses, so the approved special uses remain at an expanded campground and retail farm market, with conditions. The November meeting will include three gravel pit renewals.

Zoning Administrator (ZA) – Cypher had submitted written reports to the board, and provided a summary of his activities for the month. The board briefly discussed. Cypher met with representatives from Elmers regarding the proposed tunnel and conveyor system under Baatz Road.

The ordinance mandates that a variance is needed for this proposed system. Elmers has represented to Cypher that they will be applying for this variance, and are working to get other necessary reviews and approvals conducted first. Cypher also followed up on public comments from the last board meeting regarding the Krull Composting site. There were also unannounced visits from MDARD and EGLE to the property due to complaints from neighbors. MDARD and EGLE found no violations on the Krull site, and called it one of the cleanest operations they have inspected. They did make recommendations for alleviating the fly situation, and Mr. Krull has hired an engineer to work on these issues. There was also a survey completed of the property; 6 of the 16 windrows were encroaching into the setback. Mr. Krull has stated that he will move these to be in compliance by the end of October. Mr. Krull is also working directly with the LCRC on a non-compliant driveway.

Supervisor – Julian summarized his activities for the month. He has not received a response from Elmers regarding the board’s request for a full presentation from Elmers regarding the Baatz Road proposed project. A representative from the LCRC contacted Julian the day before the meeting stated that they could attend the meeting tonight if necessary; Julian conveyed that there had been no contact with Elmers. The LCRC did take the issue off their agenda after the township request. Dave Noonan stated that when he talked to a LCRC commissioner two weeks ago, he was told there would be a presentation by Elmers at the township meeting tonight – he is concerned about the lack of contact from Elmers and the fact that they are proposing to shut the road down for such a long period of time.

Julian reported that there was a quarterly supervisors’ meeting last week. There was a presentation from the Lake Leelanau Lake Association that Julian shared with the board. The LLLA is interested in addressing invasive species, and has requested that Kasson (and all other Leelanau townships) consider appointing a representative from the township to the LLLA to assist with work on invasive species. The board discussed; Julian asked Don Drabik for his comments. Drabik feels that this is an important topic, but one which the Glen Lake Association has been dealing with for years. He is not interested in being the rep to LLLA, due to his work with the GLA, but would be willing to work with a rep from the LLLA to perhaps help the two organizations work together.

There is an MTA supervisor’s symposium planned in Frankenmuth – Julian will not be attending due to prior commitments.

Assessor – Nothing to report – assessment business is being conducted as normal. The board asked whether progress had been made on the assessment survey – Julian will bring an answer back to the November board on this.

Fire Board – The Fire Board continues to work on the union contract and the movement to ALS status under the Bennett Bill. They are also beginning to discuss potential amendments to the inter-local agreement, which is due for reapproval in approximately 5 years. Chief Doornbos has finished his Staff & Command program at Eastern Michigan University.

Clerk/Elections Report – Boomer reported that the internet issue has been diagnosed by Mike Wallace to be a router/modem that failed due to a lightning strike. She will be contacting CenturyLink to request new equipment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Hall Use and Buildings and Grounds Reports –There have been two hall uses. The community group of musicians is interested in using the hall each first Sunday from 4-6 pm, and

a 4-H group is using it once a month as well. A large branch came down in the park – Noonan will remove this.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dave Noonan would like to see the option of a new fire station pursued. He knows this is hard, but someone needs to take the bull by the horns and start the process. This is going to be a long process anyways and it needs to start soon. The building is just going to get more expensive as time goes by.

Don Drabik reported that Bob Underwood did a good job on the installation of the cemetery signs. The board is happy with the signs.

Jerry Gretzinger – He is happy to hear the discussion on the sidewalks in Maple City, the parking situation with cars backing out of Pegtown is dangerous.

Natalie Wilson and Sandy Noonan thanked the board for their work and discussion tonight.

BOARD COMMENT: Roger Noonan commented on the union contract and wants to make sure that the members are paid well enough. It's hard to afford to live in the county, and it's getting harder as additional people pay high amounts of money for property.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7 pm.

Motion by Noonan to adjourn, second by Boomer / **All in favor, motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 9:23 PM.

Submitted by:
Dana Boomer, Township Clerk